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1. Russian officers in the Polish Army are gradually being replaced by Polish officers of proven Communist faith. The following are among the most important recent changes:
 - a. General Sankowski has been replaced by Polish General Mirian Turkowski as Inspector of Infantry.
 - b. General Jurin has been replaced by Polish Colonel Malinowski as Inspector of Communications.
 - c. General Dudzinski has been replaced by Polish Colonel Szykowski as Inspector of Artillery.
2. Present trends indicate that the infantry is almost entirely under Polish officers, while the air force and the armored force still have a large number of Russian officers in their ranks. The air force is under the command of the Russian General Polynin.
3. It is to be noted that Russian officers who are natives of eastern Poland and the Ukraine are considered Poles and placed on the active list of the Polish Army. The best known case is that of General Walter Swierczewski, (pseud.) former commander of the 2nd Red Army in the attack on Berlin and previously commander of an international brigade in Spain, who is now Under-Secretary for Polish National Defense.
4. It is estimated that 14,000 Russian Officers, including 40 Generals, have recently left the Polish Army. Those who still remain are chiefly senior officers and generals. On the whole, however, they only constitute 5 percent of the Polish Army.
5. The substitution of Russian by Polish officers has not changed the units spiritually since the new Polish officers apart from their military training are politically trained in the Soviet Union.

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